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PROJECT CEASEFIRE **JURY CONVICTS KC MAN FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was convicted by a federal jury today for illegally possessing a firearm. Today's conviction is a result of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Lemont D. Amos, 35, of Kansas City, was found guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Amos was arrested on Sept. 18, 2005, after a tow truck driver reported to police that another motorist driving a Cadillac had pointed a gun at him while he was driving down Linwood Boulevard in Kansas City. The tow truck driver provided the license number of the vehicle and police officers responded to the registered address. When officers approached **Amos**, who was standing near the vehicle, he began to quickly walk away. While **Amos** was being handcuffed he dropped a loaded Smith and Wesson .38-caliber revolver.

Under federal law, Schlozman explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Amos** has a 1992 criminal felony conviction for second degree murder in Jackson County.

Following the presentation of evidence, the jury in U.S. District Court in Kansas City deliberated about three and a half hours before returning the guilty verdict to U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, ending a trial that began Tuesday.

Under federal statutes, **Amos** could be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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